



MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

INCIDENT:

Foothill Incident Management Team Update

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Mud and Debris Flow

DISTRICT/LOCATION:

La Canada Flintridge, Acton, La Crescenta

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 9 a.m.

INJURIES/FATALITIES:

None

INVESTIGATION STATUS:

N/A

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Update: Due to the predictions of up to eight inches of additional rain with anticipated intensities of more than one inch per hour over the next two days in the at-risk areas, mandatory evacuations of nearly 500 homes began at 9 a.m. this morning in the communities of Acton, La Canada Flintridge, and La Crescenta. Residents are being notified through Alert LA County with door-to-door notifications by the LA County Sheriff's Department. Evacuations are expected to be complete by 1 p.m. this afternoon. Firefighters are continuing to monitor the debris basins, and Specialized County Fire resources remain activated and ready for any necessary emergency operations.

The American Red Cross has established evacuation centers at the following locations: La Canada Flintridge High School, 4463 Oak Grove Drive, La Canada; Sunland Park Recreation Center, 8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, and Marie Kerr Recreation Center, 2723 West Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale.

Animal Shelters have been set up at the following locations:

Acton: LA County Animal Care and Control Shelter which will accept large animals, located at 31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd., Castiac;

La Canada Flintridge: 2 locations - Pasadena Human Society, located at 361 S. Raymond Ave., and Crown City Veterinary Medical Group located at 2657 East Washington Blvd., in Pasadena;

La Crescenta: Baldwin Park Shelter located at 4275 N. Elton, Baldwin Park.

Road closures will remain in place, and emergency personnel will continue to assess the potential for safe re-entry once the storm danger has passed. Residents should be prepared to be away from their homes as late as Monday, January 25, 2010.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT (323) 881-2401